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Nuclear-tipped missiles supplied to Castro for antiaircraft use cannot hit America's new U-3 reconnaissance planes. The U-3s fly much higher and much faster than the older U-2s that are in range of the Russian missiles in Cuba.

President Johnson's reported coolness to the British is said to grow out of British insistence on breaking the economic blockade U.S. has tried to apply to Cuba and on making long-term loans to Soviet Russia. Said a Briton: "If McGeorge Bundy ever leaves the White House as adviser to the President we will really be in trouble. He sees foreign affairs in a wider perspective and is inclined to be more reasonable."

Richard Goodwin, once a controversial adviser to President Kennedy on Latin-American affairs, is back in the White House as a speech writer. Some officials interested in a "hard line" in dealing with Castro now are worried about the extent of Goodwin influence on White House policy.

Robert McNamara, Defense Secretary, is tending to come under more fire in Congress now that some of his younger aides are interested in

building him up as a political figure and possible running mate for President Johnson in November. The Defense Secretary has not been known in Congress as a particularly adept politician.